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LaCrosse residents urged to boil drinking water

OLYMPIA — The state Department of Health is urging residents of LaCrosse in Eastern Washington to boil their drinking water because *E. coli* was detected during routine monitoring.

No illnesses from the situation have been reported in the community of 380 residents which is located about 30 miles west of Colfax in Whitman County. The advisory does not affect any other communities.

Residents who use tap water for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, mixing baby formula, dishwashing, and ice making should bring the water to a rolling boil for one full minute and allow it to cool before use. Tap water can be used for other purposes.

State health officials are working closely with the water system to try to find the source of contamination and correct the problem.

Residents will be notified when the advisory ends.

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Visit the Washington Department of Health website at http://www.doh.wa.gov for a healthy dose of information.
